



Acting Principal:
Karen Knox

Deputy Principal:
To be advised

School Counsellor:
Rachael Courtney

Council Chairperson:
Alison Turner

WEEK 1, TERM 1
Friday, 5th February 2016

The next assembly will be on
Friday, 12th February, 2016, at
10:15am and will be hosted by
Jo Power's Year 6/7 class.



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Dedicated Phone Numbers

Kitchen Garden Volunteers: 0408 637 850
POSHC Enquiries: 0413 482 521
Student Absences: 0412 089 811

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DIARY DATES

10 Feb	Volunteer Workshop 7pm
16 Feb	Volunteer Workshop 1pm
19 Feb	Volunteer Workshop 9am
24 Feb	Acquaintance Night 5.30pm
24 Feb	Annual General Meeting 6:45pm
11 Mar	Pupil Free Day
14 Mar	Adelaide Cup Day Public Holiday

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*** RESPONSIBILITY * RESPECT * COMMUNICATION ***
*** EXCELLENCE * FRIENDSHIP ***

Welcome back to the new school year and a sincere welcome to our new Receptions and the many other new students and families. We hope you enjoy your time at Pimpala and I'm sure you will find our community warm and welcoming. I am extremely happy to be in the role of Acting Principal this year and I look forward to getting to know the Pimpala School Community in this role.

I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday with your family. It was wonderful to see all the enthusiastic smiling faces on Monday. The first day was calm and full of learning. The children caught up with their friends and settled into their new classes well.

We have an amazing team of staff. We welcome three new teaching staff. Chris Burns and Neil Lohmeyer join the Year 6/7 team with a wealth of teaching experience. Rachel Pullman is our new Indonesian teacher and has spent the last twelve months teaching and travelling in the UK.

Every year the school reviews the strategic plans and develops priorities to guide our work for the year. The initial work on this is underway and will continue on a **Pupil Free Day on Friday, 11th March**. This is the Friday before the long weekend and POSHC will be available.

The building of the Pimpala Kindy on our site is due to finish by the end of term. The kindy is hoping to move in ready to start Term 2 in their new place. We are very excited about having the kindy here and I'm sure it will make it much easier for parents.

Can I also remind you that students and siblings are not permitted to play on the play equipment before school. After school they are welcome to do this under your supervision until 3.25pm.

We look forward to your continued support in the education of your children and hope you will consider volunteering in school activities in your areas of interest. Many of the school programs like the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program could not operate without assistance. Please see inside this newsletter for more information about volunteer requirements. The Front Office staff can also provide further information.

Our Acquaintance Night will be at 5:30pm and Annual General Meeting at 6:45pm on Wednesday, 24th February. We hope you can join us.

Karen Knox
ACTING PRINCIPAL



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CLASS STRUCTURES / TEACHERS 2016

Reception	Deb Egglestone
Reception	Silvia Lang
Rec/Year 1	Pam Ryles
Year 1	Sandra Howlett
Year 1	Pam Sims
Year 1/2	Hazel Dobson
Year 2	Mel Yates
Year 2	Christine Seyfang
Year 2/3	Peter Lucas
Year 3	Susan Kaye
Year 4/5	Richard Kemp
Year 4/5	Alyssa Rigney
Year 4/5	Nigel Branson
Year 4/5	Geraldine Lewis
Year 6/7	Jo Power
Year 6/7	Neil Lohmeyer
Year 6/7	Chris Burns
Indonesian	Rachel Pullman
Music	Sarah Pearce
Science	Vance Smith
Library	Deb Hampton
Physical Education	Michael Sboro
Student Learning Support	Sarah Bosworth
Student Learning Support	Elira Dixon

PIMPALA'S DAILY PROGRAM

School Starts:	8:50 am
	<i>Students must be in class when the bell sounds</i>
Recess Eating Time:	10:40 am
Recess Play Time:	10:50 am – 11:10 am
Lunch Eating Time:	12:40 pm – 12:50 pm
Lunch Play Time:	12:50 pm – 1:30 pm
Dismissal:	3:10 pm

SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 1	Monday, 1 st February-Friday, 15 th April
Term 2	Monday, 2 nd May-Friday, 8 th July
Term 3	Monday, 25 th July-Friday, 30 th September
Term 4	Monday, 17 th October- Friday, 16 th December

CANTEEN ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2016

Lunch orders and counter sales will commence on **Monday, 8th February**. A new menu / price list will be sent home early this term.

If you are available to help in the canteen on Monday, Wednesday and / or Fridays, please see Trish in the Canteen, or Barb in the Front Office. Fridays and Special Lunch days are our busiest days, but if you can help on any of the days the canteen is open, that would be great. All help is greatly appreciated.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:30am – 9:15am during term time. We also take phone orders and payments, for your convenience.

VOLUNTEER WORKSHOPS

As you would now be aware **all** volunteers are required to undertake the **Responding to Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care – for volunteers** training (RAN-EC), formally known as Mandatory Reporting to be able to volunteer at school. This is a mandatory requirement and is in addition to the Department for Communities & Social Inclusion - Working with Children screening.

Thank you to those volunteers who have already undertaken training.

We have scheduled a number of workshops commencing in Week 2 of Term 1 including an evening session on Wednesday, 10th February, an afternoon session on Tuesday, 16th February and a morning session on Friday, 19th February. We ask that all current volunteers and those wanting to volunteer this year, make yourselves available to attend one of these sessions. Failure to undertake this training elsewhere or attend one of the scheduled workshops at Pimpala will prevent you from volunteering at the school until it is completed. (If you have already completed this training for 2015-2017 elsewhere, please provide a copy of the certificate to the school).

The workshops will take approximately 2 hours. If you are considering volunteering at the school in **any** capacity it is recommended that you also attend one of these sessions.

The training addresses how to identify possible indicators of children experiencing abuse, neglect or family violence, your obligations and the processes to follow. It also talks about the impact of the Debelles recommendations, information sharing procedures and access to site leadership. This is critical information for all of our volunteers.

The workshops will be held in the Library. Please let us know if you plan to attend and if you will require a crèche. We look forward to seeing you at one of the workshops.

**Wednesday,
10th February,
2016 at
7:00pm**

**Responding to Abuse and
Neglect – Education Care – for
volunteers**
Presented by Rachael Courtney

**Tuesday, 16th
February, 2016
at
1:00pm**

**Responding to Abuse and
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**Friday, 19th
February, 2016
at
9:00am**

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NUT AWARE POLICY

As a number of our students have a severe nut allergy, please abide by the enclosed Nut Aware Policy.

VOLUNTEER POLICY - DCSI CLEARANCES

Recently the Minister for Education and Child Development, Susan Close announced that DECD has updated its screening policy to make it easier for parents and guardians to volunteer at school.

However, schools can decide if they want to adopt this new relaxed approach to parent volunteers or whether they keep the previous policy where **all** volunteers working within the school are required to have a DCSI – Clearance to work with children.

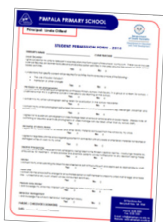
Pimpala has had a high number of volunteers, who are essential to the success of a number of programs and, of course, we would like this to continue.

However, more importantly we also want to ensure that all of our volunteers have been deemed suitable to work with children. To this end we will still expect that all volunteers, regardless of the DECD policy change, have the DCSI clearance, at least in the short term. This matter will be referred to the next meeting of Governing Council, to decide whether the Pimpala PS screening requirements should continue, or be relaxed in line with the new DECD policy. If you would like to have a say, please send an email to dl.1059.info@schools.sa.edu.au.

As before, people attending a single event or activity at school, such as a fundraising event, or Sports Day do not need to be screened.

STUDENT PERMISSION FORM 2016

Thank you for returning the Student Permission Forms so promptly this year. For those of you who have not already done so, can you please complete the form and return it to the school as soon as possible, but no later than **Wednesday, 10th February, 2016**. This form enables your child to participate in school activities including Library Borrowing, Local Excursions and having photos taken.



The Student Permission Forms must be completed each year.

Can you also please complete the **Information Technology – Cyber Safety Policy** (for **YEAR 4 students only**). The Cyber Safety Policy is divided into three parts with the first part providing general information, the second part relevant for Reception to Year 3 students and the third part for Years 4 – 7. The parent approvals are also signed by the students as a contract of use and are valid for the years the students are in the relevant age range. Consequently, only those students going from Year 3 in 2015 to Year 4 in 2016 need to complete this form and agreement of use.



This form must be returned (*by Year 4 students only*) by **Wednesday, 10th February, 2016** to enable them to access our IT facilities.

PUPIL FREE DAY

The Department for Education and Child Development approves 4 Pupil Free Days and 1 School Closure Day per year. Governing Council is consulted and approves the days. Governing Council has approved a Pupil Free Day on **Friday, 11th March**, the Friday before the Adelaide Cup Day long weekend, to enable staff to review the Site Improvement Plan.

POSHC will be available. Please contact Hazel Godfrey at Hazel.Godfrey850@schools.sa.edu.au or phone 0413 482 521 for bookings.

AQUAINTANCE NIGHT

Acquaintance Night will be held on **Wednesday, 24th February, 2016 at 5:30pm**. This is a great opportunity to meet the teachers, visit the classrooms and find out more about our school. You will be able to seek clarification on any questions you may have. Further information will be sent home shortly.

GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM

Would you like to have your say? Do you have ideas and or suggestions you would like to share? Would you like to be involved in your child's education? Do you have 2 Monday nights free per term? If so, please come along to the Governing Council Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday, 24th February**, immediately after the Acquaintance Night activities. The Governing Council AGM is scheduled to commence at **6.45pm in the Library**.

HOT WEATHER POLICY

When the weather is forecast to be 35 degrees or higher the Hot Weather Policy is implemented. What this means to your child is the lunch play and recess play times are reversed. That way the students have an extended recess (so they are able to play outside in the cooler part of the day) and a shorter lunch break. If the temperature is 35 degrees or higher at recess and/or lunch time they will play inside.

MEDICATION

It is the *parent's* responsibility to ensure any medication kept at school for your child is in date and that there are adequate supplies. Please note: this includes puffers.

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Fresh Fruit Friday will commence in Week 2 on **Friday 12th February for Reception to Year 3 classes only**. These year levels will have the opportunity of sharing a platter of fruit. Please bring along a piece of fruit or some vegetables eg. carrot, cucumber or celery, to share with the class every Friday so the R-3 students can enjoy a shared fresh fruit and vegetable snack.

KITCHEN GARDEN

**Holiday Update -
 Program Timetable -
 Can You Help?**

In response to the large amount of positive feedback, the Kitchen Garden Program will once again run as a whole school program this year. Each year level will participate in a block of both kitchen and garden lessons.

Term 1

Weeks 3-7	Ms Power - Year 6/7 class
Weeks 6-10	Mr Lohmeyer - Year 6/7 class
	Mr Burns - Year 6/7 class

Term 2

Weeks 1-5	Mrs Dobson Year - 1/2 class
	Mrs Yates - Year 2 class
	Mrs Seyfang - Year 2 class
Weeks 6-10	Ms Kaye - Year 3 class
	Mr Lucas - Year 2/3 class

Term 3

Weeks 1-5	Mrs Lewis - Year 4/5 class
	Mr Branson - Year 4/5 class
Weeks 6-10	Mr Kemp - Year 4/5 class
	Mrs Rigney - Year 4/5 class

Term 4

Weeks 1-3	Ms Howlett - Year 1 class
	Mrs Sims - Year 1 class
Weeks 4-6	Mrs Lang - Reception class
	Mrs Egglestone - Reception class
	Mrs Ryles - Reception/Year 1 class

Each kitchen lesson requires 6 volunteers. It would be lovely to have some volunteers in the garden as well to help supervise small groups of students with activities such as sowing seeds, seed saving, watering etc.

Volunteers can be parents, caregivers, grandparents, aunts, uncles or family friends.

Although DECD policy states that parents are able to volunteer in their own child's classes without DCSI clearance, Pimpala PS will continue requiring all volunteers to have DCSI clearances until the first Governing Council meeting as discussed in the article above.

If you need to complete a DCSI clearance form please see Barb in the Front Office. If you have any questions about the program or wish to put your name down to volunteer in one or more of the classes please don't hesitate to ring or SMS my volunteer mobile number 0408 637 850.

With lots of watering the vegetable garden survived the Christmas holidays despite the warm weather. Some of the beautiful produce that is growing in the garden at the moment are tomatoes, capsicums, eggplants, silver beet, apples and a large variety of herbs. We also have two peach trees that are full of juicy fruit just about ready for picking!

If you have excess produce from your home gardens we are happy to take it for our kitchen lessons. Any

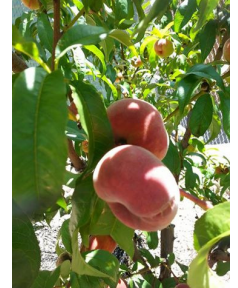
produce can be dropped off in the Front Office or left in the kitchen from Monday to Thursday, we are always extremely grateful for your donations.

Christmas holidays for me were extremely busy and exciting. As well as spending a lot of time looking after and watering the garden, I also got married!

Michele Smith (Ormsby)

Kitchen Garden Co-ordinator

Volunteer Mobile: 0408 637 850



FAMILY CONTACT DETAILS

Please advise the school **EVERY time** you change any of your details including phone numbers, mobiles, address, and emergency contacts. Already this year we have come across some disconnected numbers and had mail returned, so please check that we have your new number and new address.

This information is critical if we need to contact you in an emergency.

We have recently updated our Emergency Management Plan in response to the recent bushfires and other threats to schools here and interstate. In the event of an emergency it is our intention to notify parents by text message in the first instance. Consequently, we cannot stress enough the importance of the school having correct mobile phone numbers for parents/caregivers. Please check with the Front Office if you have any doubts.

CREDIT UNION SA

SCHOOL COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Pimpala PS has joined the Credit Union SA School Community Rewards Program as a fundraiser for the school. Any time you take out any Credit Union SA account, loan or credit card and nominate Pimpala PS as the beneficiary, the Credit Union SA will then regularly pay our school a portion of their profits as a tangible cash benefit.

Information has been sent home with this newsletter.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Come and try the experience the thrill of BMX racing for free at the Cove BMX Club, Oval Road, Cove Community Sports Centre at the Come & Try day on Saturday, 20th February, Session 1: 8:30am – 9:45am and Session 2: 9:45am-11:00am. Contact Joanne on 0438 272 200 for more information.